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TAGS: MARR, SA (CATTON, GENERAL JACK)

SUBJ: VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA BY AFLC COMMANDER GENERAL

CATTON

1. DEPARTMENT HAS CONCURRED IN PROPOSED VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA OF COMMANDER, AIR FORCE LOGISTICS COMMAND, GENERAL CATTON AND PARTY DURING JULY 7-8 IN ORDER TO REVIEW AND INSPECT PEACEHAWK SUPPORT PROGRAM. IN CONCURRING WITH VISIT, DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED TO USAF AND DOD THAT CATTON SCHEDULE BE ARRANGED TO PERMIT HIM CALL ON PRINCE SULTAN IN RIYADH IF CONVENIENT TIMING CAN BE ARRANGED. OUR REASONS FOR DOING SO WERE (A) LIKELY MISUNDERSTANDING ON SULTAN' S PART IF FOUR- STAR U. S. GENERAL WERE TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AND NOT MAKE AT LEAST COURTESY CALL ON HIM AND (B) ASSUMPTION THAT CATTON VISIT WOULD OFFER UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH- LEVEL REVIEW WITH SULTAN OF ANY PROBLEMS EITHER WE OR HE SEE IN CONNECTION WITH PEACEHAWK.

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2. IN RESPONDING TO AIR FORCE MESSAGE REQUESTING CLEARANCE FOR CATTON PARTY, USMTM MESSAGE (DTG: 080520 Z JUN 73) RECOMMENDED AGAINST VISIT TO RIYADH ON GROUND THAT SULTAN WOULD BE IN TAIF AND TIMING OF CATTON VISIT DID NOT PERMIT TRAVEL BY GENERAL CATTON THERE. CATTON NOW SCHEDULED TO SPEND ALL HIS TIME IN KINGDOM AT DHAHRAN. CATTON WOULD CALL ON LGEN MUHAMMAD BIN AMIR, E. P. MILITARY COMMANDER AND ALSO ON RSAF BASE COMMANDER AT DHAHRAN.

3. GIVEN RATIONALE SET FORTH LAST SENTENCE PARA ONE ABOVE, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR VIEWS WHETHER DEPARTMENT SHOULD APPROACH DOD/ ISA AND USAF TO URGE THAT GENERAL CATTON RECONSIDER HIS SCHEDULE TO PERMIT VISIT TO TAIF FOR MEETING WITH SULTAN. SINCE SAUDI ARABIA IS NOT ONLY STOP ON CATTON ITINERARY AND TOTAL TIME IN- COUNTRY LESS THAN 24 HOURS, THIS MAY BE DIFFICULT TO DO WITHOUT SACRIFICING MUCH OF HIS PROGRAM IN DHAHRAN. IF IN YOUR JUDGMENT CATTON CALL ON SULTAN NOT OBLIGATORY FOR PROTOCOL OR OTHER PURPOSES, YOU MAY WISH TO SUGGEST THAT CATTON INSTEAD SEND BRIEF BUT WARM MESSAGE TO SULTAN ON CONCLUSION OF VISIT THANKING HIM FOR COURTESIES RENDERED, ETC., BY RSAF TO PARTY AND TO PEACEHAWK PERSONNEL GENERALLY. ROGERS

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